

November, 2014

The Epistle—Monthly Newsletter

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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We extend a warm welcome to our interim Pastor Bob Browning. We look forward to this time with him and plan to learn from his years of experience.

Pastor Bob will be available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 12:30 pm.



Pastoral Emergencies

Please leave a message at 821-0987 (church office). Call Penny Huber at 931-6420 for prayer requests.

Please call the church or call Sharon on her cell, 802-0692.

All Saint's Sunday, November 2, 2014

We will be remembering members who have died since last year at this time. The congregation will have the opportunity to light candles in honor of these people and other family and friends who have gone home to be with the Lord.



Operation Christmas Child is in full swing!

Please pick up a box and fill it, help to share the love of Christ with children around the world. Please have your box returned to the church no later than November 23rd.



Dorcas Circle

On October 3, all the quilts were delivered to the Dayton area for final shipment to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse. At last count, the ladies made a total of 158 quilts and 156 were shipped. The winners of the raffle were Marilyn Portmann and Carole Replogle. Congratulations!!



And thank you to all for your support of the raffle. Proceeds from the raffle, was over \$200 which will be sent to LWR to aid in the cost of shipping the quilts, etc. to all parts of the world.

We are constantly reminded of the goodness of God, and the Dorcas ladies experienced it on the latest quilting day. Through friends of members, we were given boxes of fabric for our quilts. It was like Christmas! We are so grateful for all these donations. Thank you Lord, and thank all of you.

We are losing two of our women - to other parts of the state or to another state. We have appreciated Gretta Hahn's help over the past few years and Nadine Aller will be missed greatly. Sooooo.....if any of you would like to join in the fun on the 3rd Wednesday of each and every month, please join us. We order a sandwich or salad from "Lucy's" for lunch. Everyone is tired at the end of the day, but not much makes us feel so good!!

Elinor Schieman

Seniors Flying Solo



We don't have anything planned for November, but keep in mind the "Cabaret" sponsored by St. Paul Players in December. Sounds like fun!

And please, do not forget to mark on your new 2015 calendar the day of Wednesday, September 23rd, when we have reservations for 20 people at LaComedia. We have always enjoyed the Church Basement Ladies and this will be no exception in "The Last (Potluck" Supper". Cost is \$38.00 for meal and performance, and I will need the money by the middle of August. I've been told already by some that they want to go, so let me know if you want to join us.

Elinor Schieman

The Call Committee is currently in the process of awaiting/receiving names of potential Pastoral candidates and reviewing Profiles from those candidates, as names are received. As we find candidates that would be a good match for St. Paul, we will schedule interviews accordingly.



The Committee would like to thank Pastor Browning for his input and valuable tips regarding the process and for volunteering to be our "mock" interview candidate. Thanks, Pastor Browning!

Again, please keep in mind, that the Committee members are unable to discuss any details, about any of the candidates, outside of the confines of the Committee, so please respect the confidentiality of the process.

Please continue to lift up the Call committee, the Synod office and prospective Pastoral candidates, in prayer as we continue through the process of finding the next Pastor of St. Paul.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the **Committee members: Nancy Erbeck (Committee Chair), Jeff Baumiller (Council Liason), Holly Ford, Jim Forst, Diana Hawkins, Britt Hedges (Committee Secretary), Carolyn Koehl and Barry Prince.**

Thanks!

Nancy Erbeck

Call Committee Chair

Our 2nd annual Live Nativity Comes To St. Paul!

You're invited to join in on the excitement as the congregational care team makes plans to bring the Second Annual Live Nativity right here to St.

Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday December 13th! We are currently in the planning stages and you are invited to be a part of it all. Please see Diana Hawkins or Joyce McDowell if you would be willing to help!



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Thrivent Financial Chapter of Butler County is having a dinner on Thursday November 13th at the Courtyard Inn, 1 Riverfront Place from 6 to 8 pm. Anyone is invited. Just call Bernice Herb at (513) 727-3732 fo they know how many to expect. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Jim Forst

November Ministry Schedule

Assisting Minister	Reader	Acolyte
2 Nancy Erbeck	Britt Hedges	Molly McDowell
9 Doug Lohmeier	Kathy Hirt	Olivia Hedges
16 Terry McDowell	Sherry Bronner	Olivia Lohmeier
23 Nancy Erbeck	Rick Hedges	Spencer Lohmeier
30 Doug Lohmeier	Nelson Langefeld	Annie Lohmeier

Greeters:

Altar Guild:

Linen: Marty Lohmeier

Set Up: David Hill

Clean Up: Janet King

Bulletin Folders: Ron and Carole Replogle

Please remember in prayer all the brave young men and women serving in harms way to keep us safe.

We remember especially:

Paul Cordes (grandson of Elinor Schieman)

Jared Forst (grandson of Jim and Loretta)

John Garbrecht (nephew & cousin to Carolyn Koehl, Karen, Susan Bardes & Joyce Hall)

Patti Garbrecht (wife of John Garbrecht)

Beau Glenn (son-in-law to Karen Koehl)

Kylie Hahn (granddaughter of Don and Gretta)

Jim Lane (nephew of Elinor Schieman)

Kyle Murdoch (friend of Holly Ford)

Joshua Rodriguez (friend of Karen Koehl)

Mack Thompson (grandson of Freda and Bus Faulkner)

Mylan Watkins (friend of the Ford family)

Valley Interfaith Ministries

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Your continuous support of our mission of "**Helping our Neighbors in Need**" is a true blessing. We would not be able to assist the magnitude of people without the help from our friends and supporters of **VIFCC**. Thank you so much for all you do.

Our Meal of the Month Donation List for November is

Canned Beef Ravioli (40 ounce)

Canned Corn

Canned Pears

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Jello Gelatin (6 ounce)

Powdered Milk

Please see menu slips on the table in the narthex

Please, **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** Through your generosity, *Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center* has received many needed meals to support our local community. Slips with the November Menu (to take to **Kroger** with you) are on the narthex table. These menu items are a suggestion, **Any non-perishable food is welcome** (NO GLASS). Please make any donation checks out to St. Paul with a notation for Valley Interfaith Ministry. A check will then be sent from St. Paul to the ministry.



Once again this year we have been asked to donate canned chicken noodle soup for the Christmas Baskets. The need is greater this year and Valley Interfaith is planning on 350 baskets. Can we do 350 cans of Chicken Noodle Soup?? I think we can!! There is a box in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Tender Mercies Bingo

We are hosting a bingo at Tender Mercies on Sunday, November 9th at 2 pm. We should be finished before 3:30. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact me. We need help calling the bingo and serving at Tender Mercies. If you aren't able to go to Tender Mercies that day and still want to help out, brownies or Rice Krispie treats would be greatly appreciated. We are also still accepting donations for our gift baskets. These folks really like our bingo games and appreciate everything we do for them.

Contact info –

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houdinicat@cinci.rr.com

Marie Calhoun

We pray for those near and far with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week:



Pat Edwards, Bus Faulkner, Mary Jane Flege, Pat Hollis, Carol Leonard, Marge Malin, Jack Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar, and Edna Willet.

St. Paul players is pleased to announce our Christmas Program.

We will be doing a Christmas Cabaret!

We will have a Big Band, under the direction of Jack Wagner with soloists to sing big band type music. This will also include some skits from the stage.

As we will have a Big Band, there will be opportunities for dancing!

Food and beverages will be served, but not as in a formal dinner.

The performances will be on Friday December 12th and Saturday December 13th at 7:00 pm and Sunday December 14th at 1:00 pm.

Please stay tuned for further details.

Please note in your directories a new address for Ken Garber. He is now living with his niece. The new address is

Ken Garber

401 Emerson Avenue

New Lebanon, OH 45345



Our knitting and crocheting group will be meeting after late worship on the first Sunday of every month.



We are excited about expanding our horizons to include knitting and crocheting for charity. We will be starting on baby blankets which can be donated to the NICU unit at University Hospital. It has been suggested that we create a blanket for each baby baptized here at St. Paul! What a wonderful keepsake this would be!

There are very deserving charities out there, put on your thinking caps and we can discuss what to make next.

See you on November 2.

NICU Unit at UC Hospital

The most needed items continue to be blankets, onesies and sleepers (0-3 month), and 4 oz. baby bottles. Other baby items, either new or used, are also appreciated. Items not used at the NICU are passed on to other charities.

Penny Huber has volunteered to carry all items to University Hospital. Thank you Penny!!

Thanks for all your help, and please continue to remember these babies, their families and the staff in the Neonatal Unit in your prayers.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Dick and Kay Fox
- 3 Joyce Hall
- 4 Edward Bardes
- 7 Holly Ford
- 8 Chris Conner
- 9 Aimee Daley
- 10 Ron and Carole Replogle
- 12 Matthew McDowell
- 13 Grace Herringer
- 16 Merle Buck
Charlotte Langefeld
- 17 Jason Dageforde
- 19 Austin Bronner
- 20 Nora Combs
- 21 Elinor Schieman
- 23 Harold Curless
Jennifer Reimer
- 24 Austin Byrn
- 26 Suzanne Semple
- 27 Shannon Reimer
- 29 Don and Vicki Grau

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer Chain:

Email is currently the church office mail@stpaulreading.org or call Penny Huber at (513-931-6420).

Thank you Penny Huber for handling this very important ministry to the congregation. Please take this list home to pray for those listed:

We pray for **Berkeley** (great grandson of the Curless'), **David Banks** (Edna Willet's grandson), **Jimmy Bertheaud** (friend of Portmann's), **Amberly Derby** (friend of Molly McDowell), **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson), **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Wayne Ellis** (friend of the Forst's), **Bus Faulkner, Janet Faulkner, Larry Faulkner** (Bus and Freda's son), **Ken Garber, Debbie Heinz** (cousin of the Portmann's), **Dick Hibbeler** (Elinor Schieman's brother), **Marilyn Hill** (David Hill's stepmother), **Matt Huber, (Penny Huber's son), Michael Huber and family** (Penny's son), **Jean Huneck** (friend of Marei Calhoun), **Florence Keiser** (Loretta Forst's mother), **Margie Ketterer,** (friend of Carol Curless, **Linda Kohl** (friend of the Seickmann's), **Ron Kullgren** (friend of Jean Winkle), **Joyce Lee** (Edna Willet's daughter), **Patty Meinking** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **David Oaks** (son in law of Bus Faulkner), **Craig Olsen** (friend of Sieckman's) **Paul Pieper, Ron Replogle, Sara Rupert** (Carolyn Koehl's sister), **James Savory** (Jean Winkle's Great Grandson). **Pauline Schauer** (cousin of Cindy Seickmann), **Michael Schmitt** (Jean Winkle's son in law), **Heather Segar, Alan Seickman, Jason Simpson** (Grand-nephew of Bus and Freda Faulkner), **Dot Smith** (friend of Marilyn Portmann), **Scott Songer** (friend of Jean Winkle) **Joanne Spears** (Bus and Freda's daughter), **Crosly Spelman, Jack Spelman, Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter), **Sharon Turock** (friend of Marie Calhoun), **Dave Waddle** (friend of the Spelman's), **Mary Wagner, Jean Winkle, Susan Winkle,** and **Charlie Wood** (Becky Portmann's father).

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8:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 3-Adult, Sept.-May)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Reverend Bob Browning	Pastor
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Leslie Willet	Sunday School Superintendent
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Sherry Bronner	Financial Secretary
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